

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Process for personalized access to information available on the Internet network, comprising ~~characterized in that it involves:~~

creating at least one profile file containing ~~comprising~~ private data owned by the user, and/or data regarding the technical specifications of the user's computer;

repeatedly polling a service provider in order to receive an offer file containing ~~comprising~~ matching rules for matching services accessible via the Internet to said at least one profile;

applying the matching rules in the offer file to the profile file in order to select one or more services from the offer file;

generating in the user's computer the code of a HTML page ~~in the user's computer~~ describing only said selected services; and

pushing said HTML page code into a web browser in the user's computer for permitting direct access to the services selected.

2. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 further comprising creating and updating a local file containing ~~comprising~~ the selected services.

3. (currently amended) Process according to claim 2 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the polling is executed after a predetermined period, and when the user requests the establishment of an Internet connection.

4. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said profile file is encrypted into said local user machine.

5. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein ~~characterized in~~

~~that~~ said at least one profile file contains ~~comprises~~ private data regarding the user and technical data relating to the user's computer.

6. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said at least one profile contains ~~comprises~~ technical data that is automatically collected by means of an analysis software program.

7. (currently amended) Process according to claim 1 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ it is used for achieving an electronic business application.

8. (previously presented) Computer program product comprising computer program code stored on a computer readable storage medium for, when executed on a computer, performing all the steps of claim 1.

9. (currently amended) Apparatus for personalizing the access to information available on the Internet network, comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~:

means for creating at least one profile file containing ~~comprising~~ private data owned by the user, and/or data regarding the technical specifications of the user's computer;

means for polling at predetermined instants a service provider in order to receive a file containing ~~comprising~~ information associated with matching rules to be confronted with said at least one profile;

means for matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules in order to select some pieces of information;

means for generating in the user's computer the code of a HTML page ~~in the user's computer~~ containing ~~comprising only~~ said selected pieces of information; and

means for pushing said HTML page code into a web browser in the user's computer for permitting direct access to the information being selected.

10. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ means for creating and updating a local file

containing ~~comprising~~ the selected items of information.

11. (currently amended) Apparatus according to claim 10 wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the polling is executed after a predetermined period, and when the user requests the establishment of an Internet connection.

12. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein the HTML page is generated at the user's computer in response to the occurrence of predetermined conditions.

13. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the means for generating the HTML page resides on the user's computer and wherein the HTML page is generated in response to the occurrence of predetermined conditions.

14. (previously presented) Process according to claim 1 wherein the at least one profile file is a XML file stored on the user's computer.

15. (previously presented) Process according to claim 14 wherein the offer file is an XML file repeatedly downloaded from the service provider and stored on the user's computer.

16. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 9 wherein the at least one profile file is a XML file stored on the user's computer.

17. (previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 16 wherein the offer file is an XML file repeatedly downloaded from the service provider and stored on the user's computer.

18. (new) Process according to claim 1, further comprising:
assigning user-defined weightings to the data in the profile file to indicate specified fields that are regarded as being of particular significance; and

taking said weightings into account when applying the matching rules in the offer file to the profile file in order to select one or more services from the offer file

19. (new) Apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising:

means for assigning user-defined weightings to the data in the profile file to indicate specified fields that are regarded as being of particular significance; and wherein

the means for matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules in order to select some pieces of information are provided for taking said weightings into account when matching the data received in accordance with said matching rules.